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For: POLYMER COMPOSITIONS
WITH BIOACTIVE AGENT,
MEDICAL ARTICLES, AND
METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the references identified on completed Form PTO-1449 (4 pgs.), which generally relate to the present invention. Copies of any cited foreign patents, non-patent literature, and unpublished US application documents are enclosed. Pursuant to the waiver in the Pre-OG Notice, dated July 25, 2003, copies of US patents and published US patent applications are no longer required and are not enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (4 pgs.) to indicate that each reference has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications and the references cited therein: USSN 08/577,603, filed December 22, 1995; USSN 10/387,236, filed March 12, 2003; USSN 10/728,446, filed December 5, 2003; and USSN 10/729,114, filed December 5, 2003. Copies of these applications are enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

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Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

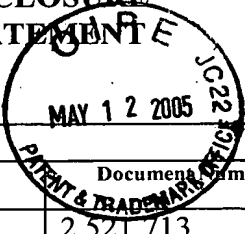
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